With a view to improve the efficiency of the existing plants, 74 existing Hydro Power Stations and 106 thermal units of the country have been identified for implementation of renovation & modernization, up-rating and life extention during Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) Four units of Talcher-II (4 × 500 MW) in the Central Sector are envisaged for commissioning during X Plan in Orissa. Out of these 2 units of 500 MW each have already been commissioned. In addition, Balimela-II HEP (150 MW) has been envisaged for commissioning in Orissa in the State Sector.

Invoking sovereign guarantees by foreign investors in the Enron's DPC project

889. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign investors in the Enron's DPC project are trying to invoke sovereign guarantees after some court decisions in the their favour; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Government of India (Ministry of Finance) has issued a counter guarantee to M/s. Dabhol Power Company (DPC). The guarantee is not in favour of individual investor in the Company and no individual investor has filed claims under the counter guarantee. However, DPC have invoked the counter guarantee for an amount of approximately Rs. 1400 crores towards bills that remain allegedly unpaid by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board. The matter is presently sub-judice.

Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme

890. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minsiter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentives given to States by the Central Government under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) to encourage State Electricity Boards to reduce power losses during 2000-01; 2001-02 and 2002-03;